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SUBJECT: FMG REQUISITION OF EMBASSY PROPERTY

REF: A) LAGOS 466; B) STATE 7966; C) LAGOS 322

1. REF (A) REPORTED LATEST DEVELOPMENT IN FMG'S EFFORT REQUISITION EMBASSY PROPERTY. FMG'S ACTION WOULD ALLOW MISSION NO OPPORTUNITY TO RELOCATE TO OTHER SUITABLE QUARTERS AND WOULD NOT BE ACCOMPANIED BY OFFER OF APPROPRIATE COMPENSATION. THE DEPARTMENT COMMENDS EMBASSY FOR THE NATURE OF ITS VARIOUS APPROACHES TO THE FMG IN AN ATTEMPT TO SECURE A REVERSAL OF THE DECISION OF MINISTRY OF PUBLIC WORKS AND HOUSING TO CARRY THROUGH WITH ITS PLANS IN THIS REGARD. AS FAR AS DEPARTMENT IS CONCERNED BASIC LEGAL ARGUMENTS HAVE ALREADY BEEN PROPERLY AND EXHAUSTIVELY MADE AND LITTLE PURPOSE WOULD BE SERVED IN PURSUING FURTHER LEGAL ARGUMENTS.

2. IT IS FURTHER NOTED THAT DEPARTMENT RECORDS REFLECT THAT NIGERIA IS IN FACT PARTY TO VIENNA CONVENTION ON DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS AND ADHERED TO TREATY WITHOUT RESERVATION.

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VATION. THUS, FMG IS BOUND NOT ONLY BY CUSTOMARY IN-

TERNATIONAL LAW BUT BY SPECIFIC TREATY OBLIGATIONS WHICH

CONTINUE IN FORCE BETWEEN THE FMG AND THE USG.

3. WE WOULD BE PREPARED TO SUPPORT YOUR EFFORTS BY
RAISING PROBLEM WITH NIGERIAN EMBASSY HERE IF YOU BELIEVE
THIS ADVISABLE. KISSINGER

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